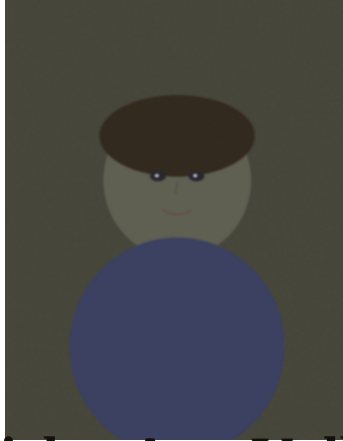




Shirley Ann Vallejo

April 5, 1953 - August 18, 2026

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Lake Charles lost Shirley Ann Vallejo on August 18, 2026. She was 73. Born in Lake Charles on April 5, 1953, into a Mexican-American household that treated work as a language. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She ran chippers that turned trees into tomorrow's paper without waste theater. A chipper earplug case rode her belt like a badge. Colleagues still mention a chipper earplug case.

She married Robert in 1975. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Robert died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember quiet help with a stuck mailbox or a heavy trash can. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Lake Charles was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The calendar still has a circle on payday.

What remains is not a legend but a practice: showing up, keeping a promise, leaving a place better than you found it. Her life was the kind America is built from and too often forgets to name.

Services

A memorial gathering in Lake Charles with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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